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May 30, 2002

Ms. Carlyn Winter Prisk (3HS11)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103-2029

SUBJECT: REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION ON LOWER DARBY
CREEK AREA SUPERFUND SITE - CLEARVIEW LANDFILL,
FOLCROFT LANDFILL, AND FOLCROFT LANDFILL ANNEX

Dear Ms. Prisk:

Engineering Field Activity Northeast (EFANE) has cognizance for Section 104(e) inquiries concerning Navy and Marine Corps activities in this region. Per your request ref Nov.7, 2001 for information on the subject sites, EFANE contacted units of the Marine Corps seeking the information you requested. Their correspondence and responses to your questions are enclosed.

If you should need additional information or have any questions please contact David Grasso at 610-595-0567 ext. 152.

Sincerely,

A. E. HARING, P.E.
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. MARAIRGRU 49 ltr of 21 May 02
2. Bridge Co B ltr of 13 May 02

Copy to: HQMC/ P.C. Hubbell



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 49
4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
NAVAL AIR STATION, JOINT RESERVE BASE
WILLOW GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA 19090-5030

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding officer, Engineering Field Activity, Northeast

Subj: REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION LOWER DARBY CREEK AREA
SUPERFUND SITE - CLEARVIEW LANDFILL, FOLCROFT LANDFILL, AND THE
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Ref: (a) Engineering Field Activity, NE ltr dtd 18 Apr 02
(b) EPA letter to Marine Corps dtd 7 Nov 01
(c) Phoncon between Maj Longi and Debra Felton (Naval Engineering Northeast)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following responses are provided to the questions posed in enclosure (F) of reference (b).

(1) Marine Aircraft Group-49's (MAG-49) mission is to effectively command and train subordinate squadrons and individuals for tactical deployments and combat operations while providing property supply for subordinate units and maintaining cognizance over fiscal functions within the MAG. From 1969 to the present, this mission has not changed.

(2) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials.

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(4) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials. At present, the sole hazardous materials stored at MAG-49 are commercial cleaning supplies and paint for facility maintenance.

(5) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials.

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(6) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials. I am not aware of any contracts or arrangements between MAG-49 and outside agencies for the removal or transport of such items from the command during the period in question, or at any other time.

(7) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials.

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(9) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated, stored, transported, treated, or disposed of the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference, nor that it ever spilled or caused a release of any of the mentioned chemicals.

(10) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials. I am not aware of any contracts or arrangements between MAG-49 and outside agencies for the removal or transport of such items from the command during the period in question.

(11) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such materials. I am not aware of any assessment or investigation conducted by this command during the period in question.

(12) No further information is available concerning this inquiry.

(13) Unit representative: Captain Matthew J. Noble, USMC, Logistics Officer, MAG-49, Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base (NAS/JRB), Willow Grove, PA 19090. (215) 443 – 6790.

(14) There is no hazardous material documentation available for the period in question. As such, I am not aware that MAG-49 generated the type of hazardous waste, contaminants, and pollutants identified in the reference. Personnel at this command presently do not deal with such

materials.

2. Two additional MAG-49 units were addressed on the reference (a) distribution list. HMH-772 activated in support of Operation Noble Eagle and is currently located at MCAS New River, Jacksonville, NC. HMH-772 records left at NAS/JRB, Willow Grove do not address hazardous material disposal prior to 1980. HMLA-773/775 Det A was located at NAS/JRB Willow Grove, PA between October 1997 and March 2001. The EPA inquiry does not address this period.

3. Point of contact for this matter is Capt M. J. Noble at commercial (215)443-6790 or DSN 991-6790, or email: noblemj@mfr.usmc.mil.


J. J. HARVEY
Acting

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

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In Reply refer to:

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From: Inspector-Instructor
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Subj: REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION: LOWER DARBY CREEK
AREA SUPERFUND SITE - CLEARVIEW LANDFILL, FOLCROFT
LANDFILL, AND FOLCROFT LANDFILL ANNEX

Ref: (a) US EPA ltr of 7 Nov 2001

1. The reference requested information concerning the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at Clearview Landfill, Folcroft landfill and Folcroft Landfill Annex portions of the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund site located in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties, Pennsylvania. Specifically, information was requested for the period from 1958 to 1976.

2. The reference was forwarded to two units stationed at this site, General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps Reserve Training Center located at 6th and Kedron Avenues in Folsom PA, by the Engineer Field Activity, Northeast, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Two units, Detachment 3, Engineer Support Company, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force Reserve and Engineer Company Alpha, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Company, Fleet Marine Force Reserve, were co-located at this command at the date of the reference. Since that time, Engineer Company Alpha has been re-designated Bridge Company Bravo. This letter is submitted for both units that information was requested from.

3. This command normally maintains files for approximately 2 years before destroying them. As the period of inquiry is over 25 years ago, limited information is available.

4. Responses to questions follow:

1. The General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps Reserve Training Center is located at 6th and Kedron Avenues in Folsom PA. The facility is used as a muster point for reservist reporting for monthly drills. It holds office spaces, a

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warehouse area for storage of military equipment and gear, a small armory and a vehicle maintenance building (minor maintenance and repair). On site are stored chemicals required for maintenance of vehicles and weapons. Although the names of units attached have changed since 1958, the primary function of the facility has not.

2. No records of previous personnel serving from 1958 to 1976 or with knowledge of specific activities during this time period are available at this site.

3. As detailed earlier in this document, this facility maintains files for a two-year period. As such, no documents for the desired period (1958-1976) are available.

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6. As detailed earlier in this document, this facility maintains files for a two-year period. As such, no documents for the desired period (1958-1976) are available. No personnel currently assigned have any knowledge of contracts for disposal of materials (hazardous or non-hazardous) for the period in question (1958-1976).

7. No records of previous personnel serving from 1958 to 1976 or with knowledge of specific activities during this time period are available at this site.

8. No records for any disposal of any items at the requested sites are available at this command.

9. There is no record of any spill (hazardous or non-hazardous) at any site listed in the reference. No personnel at this site have knowledge of any spill at any of these sites.

10. No records of previous personnel serving from 1958 to 1976 or with knowledge of specific activities during this time period are available at this site.

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11. No environmental assessment or investigation was conducted at the Clearview, Folcroft, Folcroft Annex or any other location listed in the enclosure by any personnel stationed at this site. No records exist concerning any assessment or investigation conducted by personnel previously assigned to this command.

12. This command is unaware of any other parties that may assist the EPA in this investigation.

13. a. Name: First Sergeant (1stSgt) David P Armbruster,
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6th and Kedron
Folsom PA 19033
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14. Documents are maintained by this site for two years. Documents are destroyed after two years by disposal in trash, unless the information on the documents is considered sensitive in nature (Social Security Numbers, Personal Information) then the documents would be shredded before disposal. Quarterly a summary of actions by this command is submitted to Headquarters Marine Corps in the form of a Command Chronology. Headquarters Marine archives these documents for historical significance if warranted.

5. Point of contact concerning this matter is 1stSgt Armbruster at (610) 532-7959.



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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Mr. Grasso,

I have enclosed a copy of our answers to the questionnaire from the EPA. I have also mailed a copy of the same to your address.

Point of contact concerning this matter or for clarification is 1stSgt Armbruster at the numbers listed above.

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David P Armbruster

1stSgt USMC

